

Introduced by Senator Cannella

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 157—Relative to June Dairy Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 157, as introduced, Cannella. June Dairy Month

This measure would proclaim the month of June 2016 to be Dairy Month in California and would encourage Californians to continue to support the American dairy industry by including dairy products as part of a healthy diet.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The annual tradition of National June Dairy Month,
- 2 originally known as National Milk Month, began in 1937 and is
- 3 an opportunity for Americans to honor dairy farmers, acknowledge
- 4 dairy farmers' contributions to the economy, and recognize the
- 5 importance of dairy products to a healthy diet for many Americans;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, California is America's number one milk-producing
- 8 state, the number two cheese-producing state, and dairy is the
- 9 state's number one agricultural commodity; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ninety-nine percent of California dairy farms are
- 11 family owned, and dairy farming in California has a 200-year
- 12 heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, One hundred eighty-nine thousand jobs depend on
2 California's dairy industry, including 55,000 milk production and
3 processing jobs; and

4 WHEREAS, The landscape, economy, health, and nutrition of
5 California would not be the same without our dairy farms and the
6 approximately 1,450 families who run them; and

7 WHEREAS, Twenty-five percent of Americans do not meet
8 their recommended intake of calcium; and

9 WHEREAS, The Office of the Surgeon General predicts that
10 by 2020, one-half of all Americans older than 50 years of age will
11 be at risk for fractures as a result of osteoporosis and low bone
12 density, and one in five people with a hip fracture dies within a
13 year of their injury; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Surgeon General's 2015 report
15 on bone health and osteoporosis reveals that people can improve
16 bone health and prevent fractures by boosting calcium and vitamin
17 D intake; and

18 WHEREAS, Dairy foods provide essential nutrients, including
19 calcium, potassium, magnesium, and vitamin A, and milk is the
20 number one source of calcium, potassium, phosphorus, and vitamin
21 D in the American diet; and

22 WHEREAS, Obesity has more than doubled in children and
23 quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years, and more than
24 one-third of adults are considered to be obese; and

25 WHEREAS, Consumption of dairy foods plays a beneficial role
26 in maintaining a healthy weight, according to the Centers for
27 Disease Control and Prevention; and

28 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a leading agricultural commodity
29 in California, producing \$7.6 billion in annual retail sales in 2014;
30 now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
33 month of June 2016 to be Dairy Month in California in honor of
34 the work of dairy producers in California and encourages all
35 Californians to continue to support the American dairy industry
36 by including dairy products as part of a healthy diet; and be it
37 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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